

# Metropolitan Historical Commission

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## MHC/MHZC UPDATE

### **New! Salemtown Designated Neighborhood Conservation Zoning District**

On May 9, 2013, Mayor Karl F. Dean signed Ordinance No. BL2013-370, officially approving the application of the Salemtown Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District designation to properties located along Fourth Avenue North and Fifth Avenue North, between Garfield Street and I-65. The Salemtown district encompasses approximately 26.16 acres and contains over 150 properties. With this designation, Salemtown becomes the 23<sup>rd</sup> neighborhood in Nashville with Neighborhood Conservation or Historic Preservation Zoning. Additionally, over 30 individual properties are also protected through local Historic Landmark designation. Visit [District Boundaries and Design Guidelines](#) for more information about the Salemtown Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District.

### **Ongoing! Telling Nashville's Civil War Stories**

Join the Metropolitan Historical Commission and 16 area partners for the **Nashville Civil War Lecture Series**. Lectures will take place on the **third Tuesday of the month, May through October, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**, at a new location each month. The lecture series offers a unique opportunity to explore the stories of Civil War Nashville in some of the city's most exquisite historic sites.

**June 18** – Dr. Bobby Lovett presents “African-American Life During War”  
*Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Pike*

**July 16** – Mark Brown presents “The Homefront”  
*Belmont Mansion, 1900 Belmont Boulevard*

**August 20** – Dr. Lisa Pruitt presents “The Sick and the Wounded”  
*Belle Meade Plantation, 5025 Harding Pike*

Lectures are free and open to the public. For more information and the full schedule, call the Historical Commission at 862-7970, visit [Civil War Sesquicentennial Events](#), or find us on [Facebook](#)!

The Nashville Civil War Lecture Series accompanies the release of an exciting new Civil War brochure. **“Nashville’s Civil War Stories: Common People in an Uncommon War”** tells Nashville’s Civil War story through the eyes of twelve Nashvillians who represent the many perspectives of the war and its effects on the lives of those in our city. The brochure connects these Civil War stories to 24 Civil War sites, including homes, cemeteries, churches, and schools. Along with several battlefield sites, these are the places where Nashvillians fought to survive and struggled to cope during wartime and the years of Reconstruction. Six of the featured sites will host the lecture series. Pick up your copy at any of the lectures or the partner sites, including Sunnyside, or visit the [Historical Commission](#) website to download a copy.

The Nashville Civil War Lecture Series and “Nashville’s Civil War Stories” are made possible by a grant from the [Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area](#). A partnership of the National Park Service, the TCWNHA is administered by the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation.

Grant partners include: Metropolitan Historical Commission • Nashville Convention and Visitor’s Bureau • Davidson County Historian Carole Bucy • Metro Parks and Recreation • Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum • Belle Meade Mansion • Belmont Mansion • Land Trust for Tennessee • Trevecca Nazarene University • Lipscomb University • Fisk University • University of the South • Tennessee Historical Commission • Tennessee State Museum • Battle of Nashville Preservation Society • Nashville City Cemetery Association • Tennessee Historical Commission

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## **PRESERVATION AWARDS**

### **New! 2013 Preservation Awards**

The Metropolitan Historical Commission celebrated its 38th annual Preservation Awards program on May 29, 2013 at the Nashville Public Library. Eleven properties received awards and five received honorable mentions. Mayor Karl Dean assisted with presenting awards in the categories of Residential, Educational and Institutional, Commercial, and Infill architecture. After the awards presentation, The Rymer Gallery, Historic Nashville, Inc., and the Historical Commission hosted a reception honoring all participants.

Judges for the 2013 Preservation Awards were Patrick McIntyre, Executive Director of the Tennessee Historical Commission; Anne-Leslie Owens, Public Art Project Coordinator with the Metropolitan Arts Commission; and Joni Priest, Planner with the Metropolitan Planning Department.

Along with celebrating exceptional preservation projects, the Metropolitan Historical Commission presented three special awards during the ceremony. The Commission presented the Achievement Award to Ann Tidwell for her dedication to the protection, conservation, and promotion of Tennessee’s natural resources, including Radnor Lake and Nashville’s greenways and trails. The Commission honored Barry Walker and Marathon Village with its Commissioners’ Award for pioneering efforts to rehabilitate and promote the history and continued use of Nashville’s Marathon Motor Works.

Additionally, the Commission presented the Leadership Award in History to George H. Cate, Jr., for his commitment to educating the public about the history of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and dedicated service to the Metropolitan Historical Commission.

The 2013 program marks the thirty-eighth year of the Preservation Awards event, held annually to coincide with the national celebration of Preservation Month. The theme for National Preservation Month 2013 was “See! Save! Celebrate!”

For a list and photo gallery of winning properties, please visit [Preservation Awards](#).

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## IN THE NEWS

### **New! Nashville City Cemetery Declared Arboretum**

The [Nashville Tree Foundation](#) has recognized the Nashville City Cemetery as Nashville’s 23rd arboretum. The official Nashville Tree Foundation Designation Ceremony took place in the City Cemetery on Saturday, June 2, 2013. The City Cemetery site includes 40 labeled trees ranging from mulberry and sassafras to quince and Korean boxwood. Watch our [website](#) for a self-guided map to the cemetery arboretum.

### **What’s New? NashvilleNext.Net!**

Work continues on a new Nashville General Plan which will provide a vision for our city’s future over the next 30 years, along with guidance for growth and development in Davidson County and much of Middle Tennessee. Called “NashvilleNext,” this is an ongoing, integrated plan for Nashville’s future - and information about the plan is now available on a constantly updated webpage which includes contact information, volunteer opportunities, details of the plan in progress, and video comments from some of the many community leaders who are already part of the NashvilleNext initiative. Visit [www.nashvillenext.net](http://www.nashvillenext.net) or find Nashville Next on Facebook for the “next” big news!

Concerned about what this means for Nashville’s historic resources? Read the [Historic Preservation Background Report](#) and the [Historic Preservation Fact Sheet](#), and [share your comments](#) about the future of historic preservation in our city.

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## CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

### **New! Historic Tours of Two Rivers Mansion**

*Wednesdays in June (5, 12, 19, 26)—1:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

*Two Rivers Mansion*

*3130 McGavock Pike*

Each Wednesday afternoon in June, visitors will have the opportunity to tour Two Rivers Mansion. \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, free for members of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. Proceeds support The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion.

### **New! Music at the Mansion**

*Saturday, June 15—7:30 to 9:30 p.m.*

*Two Rivers Mansion*

### *3130 McGavock Pike*

Mark your calendar and make plans to join the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion for the popular "Music at the Mansion" summer music series on the grounds of Two Rivers Mansion. The series of live outdoor concerts kicks off with the rock group, City Limit Band, who will perform against the backdrop of the newly restored veranda on June 15 from 7:30- 9:30 p.m. The summer schedule includes the Moonlighter's Big Band who will play on July 20. Back by popular demand the Nashville Blues Society is set to perform on August 17, and The River Band and The Fellowship Worship Band, who will perform contemporary Christian music, will take the stage on September 7.

Admission for each music event is \$5.00 per person or \$20 per family or car load. Admission is free for members of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. but the grounds are open at 7 p.m., so plan to arrive early to get a good spot. Rose Mary Lane's Catering will be on site so guests can purchase summertime refreshments.

For more information for upcoming events and membership visit the website at [www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org](http://www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org) or contact Events Manager Laura Carrillo at 615-862-8431 ext. 233.

All events are supported by Metro Parks & Recreation.

### **New! Nashville City Cemetery Work Days**

Interested in helping to clean up the City Cemetery? Please visit [www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org](http://www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org) for the complete schedule of Hands On Nashville's Clean Up Days at the Nashville City Cemetery {usually the second Saturday of the month, but subject to change}. The next work day is Saturday, June 15—9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Register through [Hands on Nashville](http://Hands on Nashville).

### **New! Beginning Genealogy**

*Thursday, June 20—10:00am to 3:30 pm.*

*FiftyForward Patricia Hart Building*

*174 Rains Avenue (across from the State Fairgrounds)*

"Beginning Genealogy" will address such topics as: Where to Begin; Organization; Home Sources; Census Records; Population & Non-population Schedules (such as farm, slave, industrial, and state); and Vital, County, Cemetery, and Military Records. Genealogists Virginia Gooch Watson and Martha Orsborn Gerdeman will lead the class. For reservations, contact Sally Solesby at [ssolesby@fiftyforward.org](mailto:ssolesby@fiftyforward.org) or (615) 743-3400. The fee is \$15.00 for FiftyForward Members and \$20.00 for non-members. Price includes lunch. The class is open to genealogists of all skill levels.

### **New! Let Freedom Ring!**

*Thursday, July 4—Noon*

*Downtown Presbyterian Church*

*154 Fifth Avenue North*

On July 4th, the Col. John Donelson Chapter of Sons of the Revolution will be conducting the national 'Let Freedom Ring' Ceremony at the Downtown Presbyterian Church, 154 Fifth Avenue North, to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The program begins at Noon with the ringing of the Adelia Acklen Bell at 1 PM (CST) to coincide with tapping of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia by eight Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and the ringing of the

bell atop Independence Hall at 2 PM (EST).

The event is open to the public and there will be music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, guest speakers and the reading of the 56 signers' names.

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The Metropolitan Historical Commission publishes this monthly newsletter to keep you informed on events and happenings at the MHC. If you have questions, comments, or news to pass along, please email [scarlett.miles@nashville.gov](mailto:scarlett.miles@nashville.gov), with E-NEWS in the subject line.

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